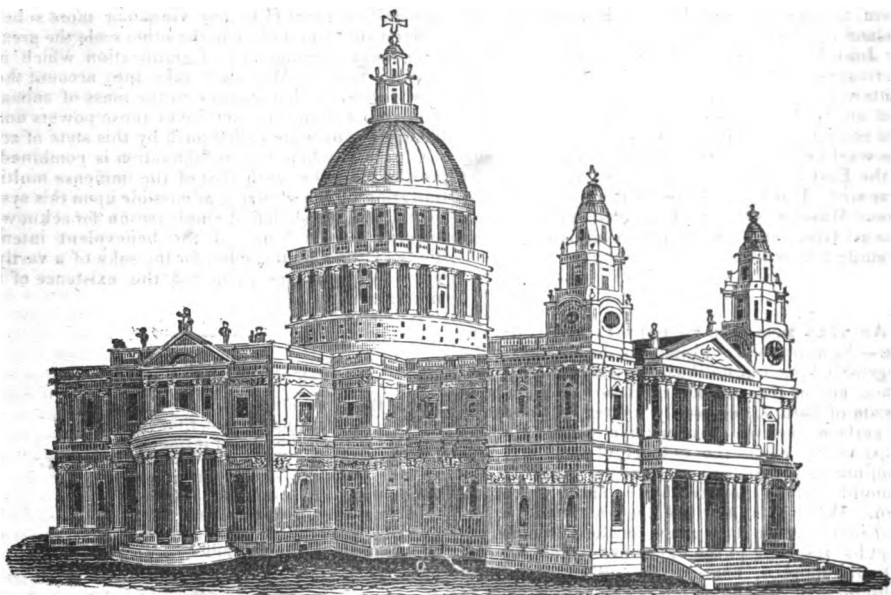


ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.



The chief ecclesiastical ornament of London, is the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, which stands in the centre of the metropolis, on an eminence rising from the centre of the Fleet. It is the Cathedral of the see of London, and is a deanery (always given to the Bishop of Lincoln,) whose palace is in Doctors' Commons. The length of the church, including the portico, is 510 feet; the breadth 282; the height to the top of the cross 404; the exterior diameter of the dome 145; and the entire circumference of the building 2,292 feet. A dwarf stone wall, supporting a balustrade of cast iron, surrounds the church, and separates a large area, which is properly the church yard, from a spacious carriage and foot-way, on the south side, and a foot pavement on the north.

The dimensions of the Cathedral are great; but the grandeur of the design, and the beauty and elegance of its proportions, more justly rank it among the noblest edifices of the modern world. It was built at the national expense, and cost one million and a half. The iron balustrade on the wall surrounding the space that is properly the church yard, which, with its seven iron gates, weigh 200 tons, cost 11,202*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* This immense edifice was reared in 35 years, the first stone being laid on the 21st of June, 1675, and the building completed in 1710, exclusive of some of the decorations, which were not finished till 1723.

SPIRIT OF THE ENGLISH RELIGIOUS MAGAZINES.

—Several works comprising the best portions of the periodical literature of Great Britain, have been successfully attempted in this country. These condensed publications have rendered cheap and accessible to common readers, a vast amount of desultory matter, from the pens of the best living writers, both in prose and poetry. But these selections have chiefly been restricted to what may

be regarded as purely literary and scientific. We have long wondered that no one has attempted to embody, in a cheap and convenient form, the better portions of those admirable religious periodicals, which abound in that land of literature, science, and religion. It may indeed be admitted that those original publications contain much that is not strictly applicable to the present state of our civil and religious institutions; but it must with equal justice be granted, that they also contain a great number of well written articles on subjects interesting to all, and of the highest importance to the moral and religious improvement of mankind. The reading public of this country have become too noble and liberal in their estimation of excellence, to reject what is good, merely because it emanates from a foreign nation; and especially from one to which we are bound by the indissoluble affinities of a common language and a common faith.

Cherishing such sentiments as these, it was with pleasure that we received the first number of a new periodical, with the title which we have placed at the head of this article. It is a handsome and convenient sheet of eight pages, in small folio, published weekly at Burlington, N.J., by Joseph L. Powell, at the low price of two dollars a year, in advance. It proposes to embody whatever is most interesting to American readers, in the best religious periodicals which issue from the British press. The first number of this admirable work, for which the Rev. Wm. Crosswell is an agent in this city, contains, among its articles, an interesting review of Hone's *Lives of Eminent Christians* and a valuable historical article on the Church